

STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE LANDS DIVISION  
INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR TIMBER SALE  
ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS IN  
MARION COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, 468 Folsom Administrative Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901.

The timber made the subject of this notice is located on the following described lands:

Marion County, Alabama, Township 10 South, Range 11 West; Section 16 South East quarter, containing 139 acres more or less to be thinned (operator select) to approximately a basal area of 70.

VOLUMES: The estimated timber volumes are as follows:

Pine Pulpwood	2,728 cords	7,298 tons
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Volumes are not guaranteed and all bidders must satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of estimated quantity.

TIMBER: The timber to be left within the sale area should consist of dominant and co-dominant classes resulting in a healthy and well distributed stand with an approximate basal area of 70. All diseased, forked, deformed, broken or undesirable trees should be removed from stand. All external boundaries of the sale area are marked by yellow tract boundaries. Stream side management zones marked with blue paint are not included in the sale area. No trees within the stream side management zones are to be cut.

TERMS OF SALE: Bids submitted must state the per unit bid for a 12-month contract. Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a CERTIFIED or CASHIER'S check representing a bid deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00. Bids submitted without such check will not be considered. Certain landowner assistance is required in addition to the payment of the bid price.

All bids submitted should be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "MARION COUNTY HALEYVILLE PLANTATION TRACT TIMBER BID, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2007."

Unsuccessful bidder's deposits will be returned promptly. The successful bidder's deposit will be applied toward the purchase price, the balance of which must be paid at the time of execution of the timber sale agreement.

LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE: The successful bidder will be obligated to perform the following work as additional contract consideration:

1. At the completion of the harvesting operation contractor shall reopen an existing eight-foot wide firebreak along all tract boundaries. This shall include removal of tops and other debris resulting from the harvest operation and/or removal of existing vegetation to make it accessible for use as a firebreak.

CONTRACT TERMS: Any sale shall be on the terms of the standard Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Timber Sale Agreement, and shall include the following:

1. The contractor must make provisions for access to the property.
2. The contractor will be required to post security for performance in the amount of \$10,000. The required security may be in the form of a certified check, an irrevocable letter of credit with a bank approved by the State Lands Division, or a surety bond with a company authorized to do business within the State of Alabama.
3. The contractor shall have 12 months from the date of contract execution in which to cut and remove the timber. At the time of contract execution, contractor shall have an option of payment of an additional ten percent (10%) of the bid price to extend the contract for an additional six-month period in which to cut and remove timber. If exercised, the option payment is due at the time of contract execution.
4. The successful bidder (if any) shall be required to pay the cost (approximately \$500.00) of advertising this invitation for bids.

The successful bidder must execute and return the contract to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within ten days following the date of receipt; otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Persons desiring to inspect the timber or further information regarding this sale may contact the State Lands Division, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901, or by telephone at (334) 242-3484.

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M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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